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## Corvette turns heads at area car shows

### Hasty's 1973 model takes top local prizes

By Mike Heil  
Staff writer

Bill Hasty Jr.'s 1973 red Corvette has a sleek, powerful look. It demands attention, admira-

tion and respect.

Hasty recently entered the Corvette in the second PBPA Unit 15 Car and Truck Show at Wilson Park and at the first Wild Country Car Show at Wild Country nightclub in Collinsville. Hasty also entered the car at the recent Mitchell Firefighters Car Show.

The Corvette's look impressed judges so much that it was awarded first place at each show.

"I feel extremely proud," Hasty said. "A lot of hard work, time and money was put in it."

The Corvette did not have

that fine-tuned, polished look when Hasty purchased it in 1984 for \$3,500. Because of the mechanical wizardry of his friends like Clark, Randy Christie and Chris Morris, and about \$40,000 from Hasty's wallet, the Corvette has been transformed into the fine-tuned machine that will be proudly showcased around the Metro East and the St. Louis metropolitan area.

"On a scale of one to 10, it would have been about a one-and-a-half or maybe a one," said Hasty, a 44-year-old car buff who resides off Maryville Road.

Hasty said he and his friends prepped and custom-designed the car's interior and sand framed the exterior on their spare time. If not for their talents and tireless work, Hasty said, the Corvette would not have the look it has.



Mike Heil photo

Bill Hasty Jr. of Granite City shows off some of the trophies and certificates he has won with his 1973 Chevrolet Corvette, which he enters in car shows throughout the St. Louis area.

"They did most of the work, putting it together," Hasty said. "They were the brains behind the design. Their hands shaped the car."

Despite the Corvette's distinctive appearance and first-place finishes Hasty said he and his friends plan to continue to work on it to make it more impressive.

"It's at about 90 percent finished. There are still a few things that need to be done," Hasty said.

## School budget OK'd

### Board approves \$5.4M deficit

By Mike Heil  
Staff writer

Despite a 1990-1991 school year budget deficit of \$5.4 million,

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which the Granite City School Board approved at its board meeting Sept. 28, the district's financial outlook is anything but bleak.

"We are still very financially strong, based on our fund balance to revenue ratio."

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## Officials: We can't get lower speed limits on highway

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach officials said there is little they can do about

**PONTOON BEACH**

requests for lower speed limits along Illinois 162 and a business along Illinois 162 and Edwards Drive seeking water service from a nearby municipality.

The requests were among items considered at the Sept. 28 Pontoon Beach Village

Fatal August crash prompts appeal to Pontoon board

Board meeting.

Betty Jo Horvath, who lives on Illinois 162, requested that something be done about what she sees as dangerous traffic on the road.

Horvath's father-in-law, Julius Julius, was killed in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Illinois 162 and Edwards Drive on Aug. 24.

Betty Jo Horvath said that

because of increases in traffic, she fears for her 13-year-old son's safety because he must cross the road twice daily to get on a school bus.

The traffic flow along the road has increased and the addition of more residential traffic from subdivisions now being developed is expected to make the problem worse.

"I'd like something to be

done before my son follows my father-in-law," she said.

She asked the village to reduce the speed along the road from its present 45 miles per hour, but village officials said that because it is a state-controlled road, not a little

they can do about the speed limit. However, they promised that police patrols in the area will be increased.

They also told Horvath she needed to contact the Illinois Department of Transportation at Collinsville about the speed limit.

Don Schlichter, who annexed into the city in the past year and is planning to open a furniture store along the Chain of Rocks Road northeast of the Interstate 270 and Illinois 111 interchange, asked if the vil-

lage could help him obtain water from Glen Carbon.

Schlichter said his property is in Glen Carbon's fire protection district, and a water line runs within 17 feet of his building.

He said Glen Carbon officials have been pressuring him to develop from Pontoon and go to Glen Carbon, something he is unwilling to do.

Village officials advised him that there have been similar situations involving other nearby water districts.

## Restaurant patrons urged to obtain hepatitis A injections

### Caseyville Hardee's employee had liver infection

By Curtiss A. Hartley  
Staff writer

People who ate at Hardie's in Caseyville on Sept. 23 and 24 are being encouraged to get a shot of immune globulin for protection against hepatitis A.

The Illinois Department of Public Health put out an alert on Friday that a cook at the Hardie's restaurant on Illinois 157 north of Interstate 64 has been identified with the disease. Anyone who ate at the restaurant on Sept. 23 or Sept. 24 may need to get the shot, the alert said.

Hepatitis A can be spread by close personal contact with an infected person. It can also be spread by eating or drinking anything prepared by the infected person who does not thoroughly wash his or her hands after having a bowel movement, according to the statement.

Mark Peters, assistant administrator of St. Clair County Health Department, said that an

employee of the Hardie's came down with symptoms of the disease and tested positive. At that point, it was required that the confirmed case be reported to the state health department.

"Because it was a food handler, the state attempted to isolate the criteria for notification—did this individual make contact with food that was subsequently not cooked and was it served?" he said.

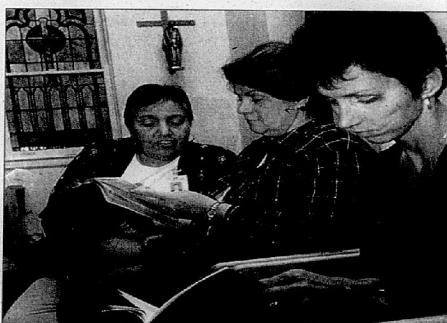
Peters said the employee might have been a carrier of the infection and not showing symptoms at the time he was working at the restaurant.

"The individual has been treated with the serum. Basically what we're looking at is we treat the symptoms. All the employees (at the restaurant) were administered the serum. It's 85 percent effective in preventing the spread of the disease," he said.

Peters said there was no indication that any

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## In remembrance



Tim Stephenson photo

From left, Nancy Karpelian of Fairview Heights and Pamela Bociek and Victoria Murray, both of Troy, join in a prayer vigil at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City Friday night to mark Hospice of Madison County's 20th anniversary. The organization helps those with terminal illnesses and their families.

## American Steel workers locked out from plant

Nearly 1,000 workers at American Steel Foundries in Granite City have been idled after a lockout over stalled contract negotiations.

On Monday, union workers were not allowed to enter the plant.

Workers represented by United Steelworkers of America Local 1063 had on and apparently rejected a new contract over the weekend.

A message on the union's telephone Monday said they were "officially locked out" and that pickets would be set up at the plant.

Union officials could not be reached for comment. However, sources said the company had been trying to unionize members over the weekend.

The contract expired Thursday, but had been extended until Saturday.

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## News

# Wolf receives Achievement Award

Holocaust refugee honored for local accomplishments

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

As a refugee following World War II, Leo Wolf eventually made his way to Granite City, where he started a small home repair business.

Since then, the business - as well as Wolf's involvement in the community - has grown and he was honored Thursday with the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Citizens Achievement Award.

The annual award is given to an individual in recognition of their significant contributions to the community, spanning a considerable length of time, and having a positive impact on a broad segment of the community.

Roger Miller, president and CEO of Gateway Packaging, was given the Sam Walton Business Award.

In announcing the Citizens' Achievement Award, Chamber Executive Director RC Bush praised Wolf for his impact on the community since coming to the area in 1962.

Wolf was a holocaust refugee who was "incarcerated in eight of 12 known concentration camps in Poland and Germany," Bush said.

"As a youth he miraculously escaped execution and eventually found refuge in the USA," Bush said.

Wolf started a small home repair business that expanded to a multi-million dollar enterprise, employing between 200 and 250 people during the construction years.

## Madison OKs new fire items

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Several items relating to Madison Fire Department were acted upon by the City Council at Tuesday's meeting, including opening bids for a new fire truck.

The truck would be a smaller "pumper" truck that could be used at Gateway International Raceway or at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

A of approximately \$87,000 was bid from Becker Fire Equipment in Collinsville.

The fire equipment would include a 200-gallon water tank, portable pumps and would be mounted on a four-wheel-drive truck chassis.

The fire department requested a brush truck because the larger pumper trucks are too big to maneuver in the parking lots and other areas around the raceway and bridge.

The bid was referred to Fire Chief Mike Foley for a look.

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Leo Wolf, right, receives the Citizens' Achievement Award from Chamber Executive Director RC Bush.

He has served as president of the Southern Illinois Builders Association and serves on the board of directors of the St. Elizabeth Health Foundation and on the board of directors of the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center.

Granite City was good to me, and I'm trying to be as good to the city as it was to me," Wolf said when he accepted the award.

The Sam Walton award is given to a local business leader for exceptional commitment to the community, respect for the individual, service to customers and commitment to excellence.

Miller started his business in his basement and garage, then expanded to downtown Granite City in 1985. The business continued to expand and now employs more than 70 people at Northgate Industrial Park.

Ron's commitment to customer service and excellence in product raised the company to a world class producer of packaging for the food industry," Bush said. "The company competes for business against Fortune 500 companies... (and) it counts among its customers many Fortune 500 companies."

Miller has served multiple terms on the board of directors

and other committees of the Chamber of Commerce and with the Granite City Housing Authority, Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, Planning and Zoning, and on the Board of Directors of Whitfield School.

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## Police Blotter

### Venice Police

**DRUG CHARGES:** Two people face possible drug charges after a police officer found suspected crack cocaine in their vehicle early Friday morning.

Darren A. Bland, 35, of Park Town Drive, Granite City, was charged with driving with a suspended license; and his passenger, Elinda Ann Loelke, 35, of Jerseyville, was charged with allowing an unauthorized person to drive. Drug charges are pending. Lab analysis of the suspected crack cocaine.

According to reports, at about 12:45 a.m. Friday, an officer on patrol spotted Bland going north-

bound on Klein Street at a very high rate of speed. It was reported that the officer stopped and checked the police vehicle before stopping.

The officer noticed the two acting suspicious and during a search of the car found the suspected cocaine on the driver's side seat.

### Granite City Police

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT:** Ruth Anne Gregory, 38, of the 2400 block of Delmar, was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting a police officer.

Gregory's 16-year-old son was charged in the same incident with resisting a police officer and obstructing a police officer.

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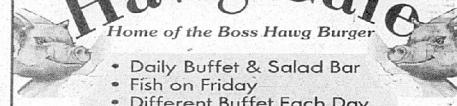
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## American Steel employees remain out

By Mike Hell  
Staff writer

About 30 workers at American Steel Foundries, 700 Walnut Ave., remained locked out Friday.

There were no contract talks held between the union and the company since employees were locked out Monday.

Some 300 workers from American Steel Foundries, 700 Walnut Ave., hit the picket line in front of the plant's main entrance Tuesday morning.

"We're ready and willing to go back to work. We don't want to be locked out," said Gary

Walston, staff representative of local 1063. "All we want is a fair contract."

Mark Schwartz, a union member and picketer, said, "If I don't go back in before too long, the picket line will begin to slack up. I don't want that. I want to work, like everybody here."

A union telephone message Monday said that employees of the local 1063 unit would be locked out and that pickets would be set up. Calls to the plant were referred to Jerry Gura, director of public affairs for Armed Steel, the parent company of American Steel Foundries.

Gura said the lockout could affect about 1,000 union employees, which comprise most of the plant's work force.

The contract for local 1063 expired Sept. 30, but was extended through Oct. 1. Contractual talks failed Oct. 2, causing the lockout, according to a handful of picketing union members.

They said an agreement could not be reached because raises the union asked for, 10 cents an hour over a yearly period, would have been offset by increases in health insurance premiums and increased union dues.

A press release issued Tuesday by Al Grigalunas, director of human resources of American Steel Foundries, stated the company negotiated in good faith, "has no more money to offer" and was the company's "last, best offer." The release also said union members should not return to work because "there is no longer a Collective Bargaining Agreement at the plant covering United Steelworkers of America bargaining unit employees."

## Drive supports proposal for mail-in ballot law

By Wade Alberty  
Staff writer

State Rep. Mike Boland, D-East Alton, made stops in the Metro East Tuesday to promote legislation for mail-in ballot elections.

Boland, chairman of the house committee on elections and campaign reform, wants Illinois voters to have the option of voting by mail.

He said the experience of 16 other states and the District of Columbia show that mail-in ballot laws save the taxpayers money and increase voter turnout.

He said that in California mail-in elections have reduced costs to the state compared to polling place elections.

Money is saved from not having to pay for election judges, rental of space, delivery of

voting booths, machines, materials, multiple sets of voter lists and other items, Boland said.

"There is a dramatic increase in voter turnout," he said. "The convenience of voting by mail encourages participation, particularly with senior citizens, those physically challenged and young voters."

In today's world with people working two jobs and trying to juggle family time with school, community, and other activities, we ought to be making voting as easy as possible," he said.

In Kansas voter turnout has been 78 percent, turnout has doubled in California and in Florida turnout has increased from a low of 40 percent to a high of 80 percent.

Boland said that the mail-in elections also help reduce smear attacks.

"In Las Vegas 45 percent had already voted before the last weekend before the election," he said.

Two bills will go before the house in the spring session in 2000, Boland said.

House Bill 179 would provide mail-in elections for the primary election in March 2000, in a county selected by the State Board of Elections.

The State Board of Elections would then report on the level of success or any problems with the election.

This would set up a pilot program in a small downstate county, Boland said. "Most important is local elections. It would be an immediate savings for the taxpayers."

House Bill 1800 would provide mail-in ballots for the consolidated local elections held in April.

"Voter turnout is very low in local elections and primary elections, so these are the elections where the convenience of voting by mail would make the most difference," Boland said.

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## Obituaries

### Paul Moore

**PAUL E. MOORE**, 87, of Flora, died at 10 a.m. Oct. 7, 1999, at BJC Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born July 18, 1912, in White Hall. Mr. Moore was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma (Maurice) Moore, whom he married on April 26, 1941.

Other survivors include a son, Ralph Moore of Granite City; a daughter, Donna Moore of Maryland Heights, Mo.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Frank and Bright Funeral Home in Flora.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Clay County Cancer Fund.

### William Mifflin

**WILLIAM DAVID MIFFLIN**, 57, of Collingsville, died at 5:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

He was born July 13, 1942, in Jacob Mr. Mifflin was a farmer and member of Eagles Lodge 1051 in Collingsville.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Irene (Clutta) Anderson-Mifflin; his mother,

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Magnus Leisner  
**MAGNUS "WEASLER" LEISNER**, 71, of Granite City, died at 3:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 8, 1999, at St. John Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis.

He was born Feb. 15, 1928, in Rockford, Ill., and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and worked for Anheuser-Busch as a dock worker, retiring in 1987. He was a member of Madison County Police Association, Eagles Aerie 1083 in Granite City and was a life member of VFW Post 1300.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann (Heiser "Huester") Leisner, whom he married on Dec. 18, 1954.

Other survivors include two sons, Michael Leisner and Douglas Leisner, both of Granite City; two daughters, Carol Besserman of Granite City and Teresa (Leisner) of Waukegan; four brothers, Walter Leisner of Sterling, Robert Leisner of Sullivan, Ivan Leisner of Atwood and Eugene Leisner of Atwood; two sisters, Darlene Leisner and Clara Dunn, both of Champaign; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to VFW National Home for Children, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

### Walter Mathis II

**WALTER EVANS (WALT) MATHIS**, 11, of Granite City, died at 11:45 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, 1999, at his residence.

He was born March 10, 1944, in Granite City. Mr. Mathis graduated from Granite City High School in 1962 and later graduated from the Chicago School of Chiropractic in 1969.

He was a member of the Masonic Order and Shriner in Granite City. He and his wife owned and operated Prairieville General Store in Edola, Mo., where he was a member of Edola Masonic Lodge and a director of the organization.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie Sue (Magruder) Mathis II, whom he married on Oct. 19, 1991. Other survivors include three sons, Tim Mathis of St. Louis, Scott Mathis of Elizabeth City, N.C., and Michael Mathis of Granite City; two daughters, Kim Wenzel of New York, and Kelli Thomas and Megan Mathis, both of Hillsboro; a sister, Charlotte Sundstrom of Chicago; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Granite City.

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### Obituaries

#### Paul Moore

**PAUL E. MOORE**, 87, of Flora, died at 10 a.m. Oct. 7, 1999, at BJC Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born July 18, 1912, in White Hall. Mr. Moore was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma (Maurice) Moore, whom he married on April 26, 1941.

Other survivors include a son, Ralph Moore of Granite City; a daughter, Donna Moore of Maryland Heights, Mo.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Frank and Bright Funeral Home in Flora.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Clay County Cancer Fund.

#### William Mifflin

**WILLIAM DAVID MIFFLIN**, 57, of Collingsville, died at 5:50 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

He was born July 13, 1942, in Jacob Mr. Mifflin was a farmer and member of Eagles Lodge 1051 in Collingsville.

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**Politics rules in Springfield culture**

Workers expected to help officeholders stay in power or move up the ladder

By Dana Heupel

In Springfield, a city chock-full of government workers, politics is more than just a spectator sport. It's a culture with its own spoken and unspoken rituals.

And one of those rituals is helping the officeholder who pays your salary stay in that office or move to a higher one. It's certainly true that some government employees want to contribute to their boss's political future because they're inextricably tied to his success, or grateful for their own. But it's also a given that others do so because they believe they're expected to.

Nobody puts it in writing, of course, but there have to be several clandestine exchanges shy of an Easter basket not to wonder whether your political contribution financial or otherwise will be considered during your performance review or affect your chance for a promotion.

And as you move higher on the ladder, a favor becomes even more of a factor.

That's why many in Springfield have been intently watching prosecutions unfold in U.S. District Court in Chicago. It's 2,000 miles away, but the subject touches close to home.

Unless you've just emerged from a year of hell rain, you're aware that the feds have convicted a dozen people in a scheme to sell truck driver licenses while Illinois Gov. George Ryan was secretary of state. Among those are five former managers and assistant managers at McLean and Melrose Park license branches in suburban Chicago.

Former managers Marion Seibel and George Velasco have said that in exchange for rigging driver examinations, they solicited bribes for them to earn more than \$100,000 in contributions and purchases of fund raising tickets for Ryan's political war chest. They said they were given tickets to sell and believed they needed to do so to advance within the agency.

And on Monday, trucking company employee Gonzalez Montoya was sent to jail for bribing secretary of state workers to fix more than 80 tests to help unqualified drivers obtain licenses. Among those he named was Ricardo Guzman. He was the driver whose truck's taillight assembly had fell off on a freeway in Milwaukee, causing an explosion and fire that killed six children in a nearby van.

Guzman has not been charged with a crime, but he and six other defendants in a civil suit have agreed to pay a total of \$100 million to the parents of the victims.

Prosecutors say Guzman was among thousands of unqualified drivers who obtained their licenses through the scheme and contend that much of the money ended up in Ryan's campaign coffers.

Ryan said he feels bad for the thousands of children who died. He said he was shocked by the crooked license branch workers brought to justice. And he said employees were not pressured to raise money for his campaign, and that his staff could not trace anywhere near the level of contributions that Seibel and Velasco say they solicited.

The U.S. attorney's office said early on that Ryan was

not a target of the investigation. Prosecutors have since decided to follow standard policy and not comment about the investigation, but that shouldn't be assumed that the situation has changed; according to Randall Samborn, a spokesman for the office.

Investigators have not shown

any evidence that Ryan knew

about the alleged fund raising,

or that his staff ordered any

employees to collect money for him.

And to his credit, Ryan has

since decided to return any

future contributions from

employees of the governor's

office who donate to his cam-

paign fund because he says he

wants to avoid any perception

of pressure. Lt. Gov. Corinne

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Hynes have followed suit.

It's certainly no excuse for

employees to take bribes so

they can donate money to

their favorite officeholder. But

regardless of whether pres-

sure stems from their own

mind or works its way down

through the management food

chain, it's still wrong. There's no

doubt that some government

employees feel it.

I can even think personally

for that, albeit dating from

years ago in another state.

During a summer job mowing along roadways and patching potholes for Indiana's version of the Illinois Department of Transportation, which I got

by the way, because my par-

ents were involved in

Republican politics, my super-

visor ordered me to donate 2

percent of my meager wages to

the Republicans. It was an

accepted practice that has

since become illegal.

Ryan's former employees

aren't the first to say they felt

pressured to contribute to

their boss. For a long time, it

has been as much a part of

government work as redtape and confusing policy manuals.

The chief executive of any organization is the top.

Ryan's move to require contribu-

tions from his staff is a step to

prevent future abuses, even

though he didn't do it until

after he was elected to the

state's top office.

Perhaps the governor's execu-

tive order and those of

the other officeholders will

help lessen the pressure that

some state employees feel

whether it's external or inter-

nal.

And even though current

Secretary of State Jesse White

has told his employees on sev-

eral occasions they were not

obligated to give money, per-

haps it will be a wise decision

to continue accepting con-

tributions from them at all,

given the allegations raised by

the former employees. The

same goes for State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka.

But Ryan's and the other

state's top political poli-

cies won't automatically fly

through to their successors. If

refusing campaign contribu-

tions from employees is such a

good idea that four state consti-

tutional officers have decid-

ed to do it, maybe the General

Assembly should consider

writing it into law.

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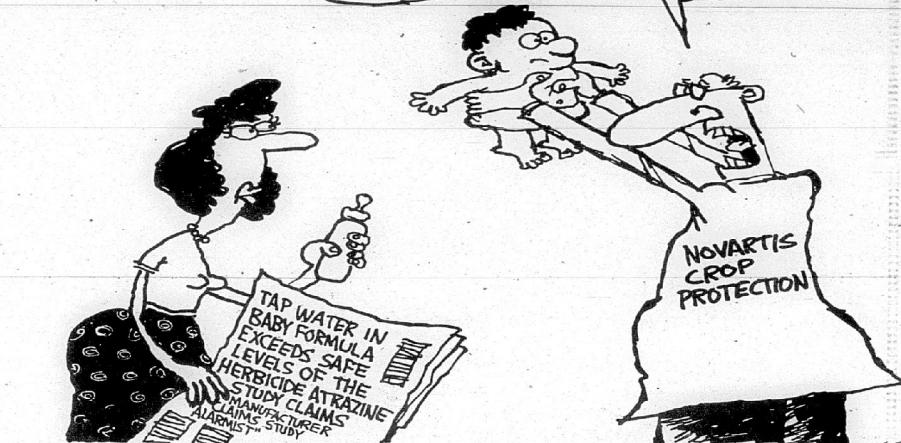
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**MTBE may pose health concerns**

By Sen. Peter G. Fitzgerald

Over the last 30 years, we have achieved significant success preventing pollution and cleaning up our environment. Clean air and clean water are among our most important environmental goals.

In 1990, in order to address the problem of ozone pollution in our country, Congress passed legislation requiring urban areas with the worst ozone pollution to begin selling reformulated gasoline.

Reformulated gasoline is regular gasoline blended with additives that help the fuel burn cleaner and more completely, thereby reducing levels of carbon monoxide and ozone-forming compounds emitted by cars and trucks.

The additives commonly used today are ethanol, a renewable fuel produced from corn, and methyl tertiary butyl ether, a chemical derived from petroleum.

Different urban areas have met the requirements of the 1990 legislation in different

ways. For example, Chicago and Milwaukee have chosen to meet this requirement using ethanol. Many other cities have chosen MTBE. In fact, over 85 percent of reformulated gasoline used in the United States contains MTBE, while only 8 percent contains ethanol.

According to a recent study by the University of California, MTBE may pose minor health and environmental concerns. MTBE, a known carcinogen, has found its way into between 5 and 10 percent of drinking water supplies in cities that have chosen MTBE. After MTBE enters a water source, it moves quickly and resists degrading, making cleanup problematic and costly.

Finally, once contaminated with MTBE, water becomes undrinkable, with a peculiar pungent smell and taste.

On March 26, California's governor prohibited MTBE use after 2002. The governor based his decision on findings by the University of California that MTBE is an environmen-

tal hazard.

The EPA established a blue ribbon task force to address the problem. The panel of experts concluded this summer that reformulated MTBE must be substantially reduced.

In contrast, ethanol, a renewable oxygenate fuel, has proven to be a viable, environmentally friendlier alternative to MTBE. The Chicago reformulated gasoline program, for example, has used ethanol for years. The American Lung Association, Chicago has one of the most successful reformulated gasoline programs in the country in improving air quality.

Ethanol is vital to our state, since Illinois is

the number one producer of ethanol in the nation. Each year, 275 million bushels of Illinois corn are used to produce about 670 million gallons of ethanol. That's one out of every six rows of corn grown in the state. This use of corn is a significant boost to the economy of Illinois - the second largest producer of corn nationwide.

At the time when corn prices are at depression-era lows, and agriculture exports are expected to fall \$4.5 billion this year alone - for an overall drop of 18 percent since 1996 - the ethanol market is growing.

On Aug. 4, I joined with my colleague, Sen. Barbara Boxer of California, to lead a successful bipartisan effort to pass a Senate resolution urging the Clinton Administration to phase out MTBE and replace it with ethanol. This resolution sends a strong signal that the Senate strongly supports bio-based fuels and recognizes the need to find viable ways to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels.

Replacing MTBE with ethanol will help keep our air cleaner and ensure safer drinking water for all Americans, while more than doubling ethanol production and adding \$3 billion to the farm economy annually. This issue is important to Illinois, American agriculture, our nation's environment and our energy self-sufficiency.

**Literacy Month celebrated**

By Gov. George Ryan

During Literacy Month, I am asking the citizens of Illinois to join with me in thinking about how a more literate Illinois will affect all of us in this state. Increased literacy rates in adults means more adults able to perform well in school, more parents better able to support their children in school and more citizens who can contribute to the overall well being of their communities or neighborhoods. As a state, Illinois has focused on a back-to-basics curriculum and emphasized the basics. Please note the attention paid to improving education over the past several years, most experts agree that about four out of every 10 adults lack the basic reading skills to fully function in today's workplace.

This means many lack the skills to read a bus schedule, balance a checkbook, read a newspaper or fill out a job application. This also means they may lack the basic skills to help their children with schoolwork or read with them. State officials in the past

have recognized these problems and have focused on changing the way we teach.

Illinois has historically been a leader in the nation's literacy efforts. Learning opportunities have been provided that cover all life skills such as parenting skills, meaningful employment skills and English as a second language.

Many steps have been made in reducing illiteracy in Illinois. As Governor, I see the need for greater coordination of the state's literacy efforts. Currently, various state agencies and local governments work in diverse ways to combat illiteracy in the state. I hope to promote more coordination of these entities, to strengthen and enhance literacy efforts both at the state, and local levels.

To aid in this coordination and to help improve our efforts in reducing illiteracy in Illinois, I have created the Governor's Office on Literacy. This office will coordinate literacy efforts and work to enhance and promote literacy programming in all of state government.

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## Trapping permits being awarded at Horseshoe Lake

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The facility is located off Horseshoe Lake Road and Illinois 111 on the outskirts of Granite City. It has provided recreational activities for area residents for many years.

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## Property sought by Madison

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city's plans for a major recreational and natural area on the island.

Very tentative plans include the construction of a golf course on the island.

Waste Management, city and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency officials have met in the past month to discuss the ongoing situation.

Mike John Hamm said IEPA officials told him that if the city wants to build some kind of recreational facility on the

landfill site, discussions on how the landfill would be capped must be conducted now.

Hamm and Building Inspector George K. Johnson recently visited the Chicago area to tour a golf course that has been in operation on a landfill for some time. Both said the operation was very impressive.

The county-owned land is former residential property located on both sides of Interstate 270.

The land was bought out by FEMA after the floods and turned over to the county. As part of the buyout agreement,

the property can only be used for agricultural, recreational or greenspace uses, and permanent structures cannot be built on it.

As part of the agreement settling the lawsuit brought by the Madison County State's Attorney's office over the city's annexation of Chouteau Island, the county and city will either be annexed or given to Madison. Environmentalists had originally opposed the county giving Madison the property because of concerns that it would be used for a landfill expansion.

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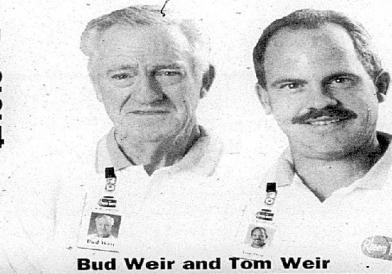
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# Sports

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## Granite City nabs first win

Warriors edge Maroons by one point in overtime

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Took longer than they would've liked expected - both for the season and on Friday night - but the Granite City Warriors finally got their first win of the season.

In overtime, the Warriors took advantage of Belleville West's missed extra point and posted a 14-13 victory.

The victory improved Granite City's record to 1-6 while the Maroons dropped to 2-5.

The Maroons won the overtime coin toss and scored on their second play from scrimmage.

Guillermo Davis rambled 5 yards for the score but Eric Diehl's extra point attempt sailed wide right.

On Granie City's possession, the Maroons drove the Warriors backward on the first two plays. Junior quarterback Jon Franko fired an 11-yard TD pass to Andy

McTaggart. Scott Prengel's extra-point gave the Warriors their first win of the season.

"I was sweating bullets," Granite City coach Jack Petrilli said. "But Jim made a really nice pass. We ran the patterns right and we ran them full-go."

McTaggart came across and the pass was right above the head, right where he wanted to have it. Andy got his arms extended, caught the ball and hauled it in. It wasn't an easy play."

"We played all right," Franko said. "We just fought the whole game. For a while there, I was kind of thinking it would be like Belleville East last week (a 21-14 loss), but we hung in there and came through in the end. The line came up with big blocks when we needed them."

"I think we made our minds up that we were tired of the losing. We had to put it in and we did it. We had to get business taken care of."

See MAROONS, Page 3B



Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City senior defensive end Jason Newman celebrates a tackle in a recent game.

## Granite City finishes second in county meet

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Home cooking didn't slow down the Granite City cross-country team on Tuesday. The Warriors took second at Tuesday's

Madison County Invitational with 51 points, trailing only Edwardsville's 45.

They won the eight-team event with 22 points.

"We did very well in the Madison County run," Granite City coach Tom Haefner said. "I was very happy with the results. Five of our seven varsity boys medaled and I thought that's very good. They are running very well as a team."

The five medalists for Granite City were Kevin Atkins (fourth place overall), Andy Balcer (eighth place), Josh Stillwell (ninth

place), Rich Skirball (13th), and Jim Treakle (17th).

The junior varsity team finished first in its own portion of the event. Gerald Curtis ran the 1-mile course to take first place individually.

For the girls, Penny Meyer completed the course in 17 minutes 50 seconds for the 2.5-mile course, placing her eighth. Angela Kromar finished in 18:56 to place 13th.

Haefner said a pair of varsity girls medaled and the other girls, as well as Veronica Bell, Kellie Evans, Sarah Stillwell, and Lindsay Hendricks all medaled in the

girls junior varsity event. We are very happy with the way the girls competed."

"The team is doing very well and having a very successful year," Haefner said. "We look for them to continue to do the best they can, and if so, they will be very formidable. They know what is expected and they know what is taken to do it. They have worked hard all season. We have had some training from Paul Greve, Rich Skirball and Tom Miller. The combination of speed work with form and technique has given them good results."

The Warriors are heading down the stretch run of the season, with the Southwestern Conference Meet set for this Friday.

"We'll continue to stress speed work and

See GRANITE CITY, Page 3B

## Granite City advances to sectional tourney

Suhre shoots a 78 to lead the Warriors in regional

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City golf team didn't bring its best game to the IHSA Class AA Collinsville Regional at Arlington Golf Course this past Tuesday, but the season goes on.

The Warriors finished strong enough to advance to the sectionals as a team. Granite City's total score of 299 was good for fourth place. Alton finished first with a score of 299. Edwardsville was next at 313, followed by Belleville Althoff at 317.

Belleville East had 320 and Belleville West 321 - both finishing just outside the top four.

Ty Suhre shot a 78 for Granite City. Those scores were good enough for both players to advance on to the sectional.

"Both are very capable golfers," Granite City golf coach Brett Sollberger said. "Ty was the low qualifier last year at sectionals and Ty missed by only one shot. They are both capable of shooting in the 70s at any time. Hopefully they will do the same next Tuesday at sectionals."

That tournament is set for

"We do have to be better at sectionals because the competition is tougher."

Boone Chaney  
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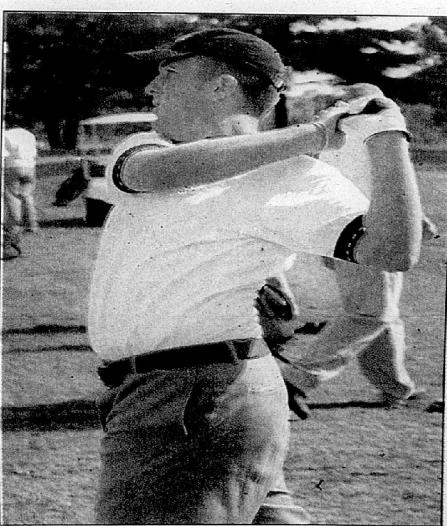
Clinton Hill in Belleville.

Helping Granite City advance to the sectional were Josh Harrison, who shot an 80; Jeff Jerden, who carded an 82; Ryan McAtee, who scored an 85; and Dan Harper, who posted an 88. "It was probably the best Josh has shot this year," Chaney said. "And the great thing was that he did it when we needed him to."

"Our goal was to be one of the top four teams and we achieved that goal. We didn't shoot as well as we did here at our home course. I thought we would be better, but we achieved our goal. We do have to be better at sectionals because the competition is tougher."

Three teams from the top 12 individual finishers from Tuesday's competition to the IHSA state tournament.

That tournament is set for



Tim Stephenson photo  
Granite City golfer Brett Sollberger follows through on a shot in a recent match. Sollberger was not in the lineup for the Warriors at the IHSA Class AA Collinsville Sectional.

## Warriors end pool play with perfect record

Granite City advances to semifinals in Tournament of Champions event

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City soccer team treated its Group D guests to a meager feast in

the 10th annual Pepsi-Cola/Ganite City High School Tournament of Champions.

Granite City surrendered just one goal and won all three of its pool play games to advance to the semifinals of the tournament.

After beating Florissant (Mo.) Aquinas-Mercy 4-1 on Tuesday, the Warriors came back to blank St. Charles (Mo.) West 2-0 on Wednesday. Granite City concluded pool play Thursday with a 3-0 victory against Blue Springs (Mo.).

Against St. Charles West, Granite City scored its first goal less than three minutes into the second half.

Spurred by Petri, Pepe stood under a pass from Mike Smith and, facing away from the goal, back-headed the ball home for the score.

"We just threw it in and I tried to kick on," Petri said. "The goalie came out and I just shot it."

Smith scored a goal his own penalty kick 20 minutes later and the game was taken down in the West box.

The goal was his third in two tournaments.

Warriors senior keeper Justin Roehl kept the score sheet clean the rest of the way to earn the shutout victory.

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Granite City sophomore

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"I thought we were leg-weary to start the game, and then they kind of played themselves into it," Granite City coach Gene Baker said.

"It was a bit of a short-handed in the game."

"Defender Jeremy Hickam was hurt pretty good," Baker said. "He got kneed in the thigh (Tuesday) night and it is hard to say what is going on. He is really bothering him. The trainer worked him hard to get it back and we couldn't do it."

"We did that was a good win, to get a shutout without him," Baker said. "Petri did quite well in quite favorably back there. Petri has been doing well, but he had a good game tonight, he had a very sound game. He had a great goal and then he had some shots that he did a nice job at."

"Ian (Kessel) didn't have his correct shoes in the first hole, he had different other shoes and they bothered him. He came out in the second half, but he was a different player. He was making runs. We got (Andrew) Crider back, and he was there trying to play him more than he should probably play, because he hasn't had the

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## Pellock wins second straight regional title

Edwardsville senior leads Tigers to win

By Bill Hester  
Correspondent

Edwardsville senior Brooke Pellock captured her second straight individual IHSA regional championship this past Wednesday at The Woodlands in Alton. But there has been very little about her accomplishment.

On Wednesday, Pellock won a playoff with Alton Marquette freshman Mary Ellen Jacobs, who was assessed a penalty for tapping the ball off of her birdie putt with her putter. Pellock, who tied Jacobs with a 79 for the 18 holes of regulation, was awarded the first-place medal after verification of the appropriate penalties from the IHSA and the U.S. Golf Association.

Last year, Pellock had to bounce back from a quadruple bogey on the opening hole to win the medalist honor.

She then went on to finish 10th individually at the IHSA state tournament, to help the Tigers place 10th in the state.

Bringing back from a



little adversity in the big

meets has been a characteristic of Pellock during her high school career.

Last year, she came back in the first round at the state meet in Bloomington with an 82. But she came back the next day with an 82.

It seems like Brooke is never far from trouble," Edwardsville coach Gary Bair said. "But she responds well when she does have a bad hole or

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## Sports

# Thomas benefits from hole-in-one

**Collinsville High coach nets \$10,000 with ace at Arlington**

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

With one swing of his golf club, Bruce Thomas struck pay-dirt on Aug. 20.

Thomas collected a \$10,000 check on Tuesday afternoon for the ace he recorded a few weeks ago at Arlington Golf Course in Granite City.

The 52-year-old four-man team in the annual Purple Pride Golf Scramble when he launched a 175-yard shot toward the No. 8 hole and hit his jackpot.

Thomas' teammates were Paul Muniz and his sons, Joe and Jeff Muniz.

Thomas was the last to shoot in the tournament, attempting to get closest to the pin honors to win a gift certificate for chicken wings at Hooters.

The ace also helped the team record a 10-under par for the event.

"It was really kind of funny because they had a little incentive there," said Thomas, an assistant coach for an assistant golf coach at Collinsville High. "If you put up \$5 and landed on the green, you get \$10. That is what we were all really shooting for. I saw the big placard for hole-in-one and the money involved."

"I hit my shot. It was a nice high shot, just a little bit off the right edge of the green. It started out about back to the left, went toward the green and toward the hole. My thoughts were that is going to land on the green and am going to get this 10 bucks back. I hit it and landed on the tee box. It came down and hit probably about eight to 10 feet in front of the hole, and on

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**Bruce Thomas**  
Collinsville golfer

the first bounce it went right into the hole and it went through."

The team celebrated the victory of a skin on the hole and Thomas' closest to the pin prize. Then they realized Thomas was \$10,000 richer.

"We were all jumping up and down and enjoying the moment," said Thomas, who recorded his only hole-in-one nine years ago. "A couple of minutes or so, I realized this was for a lot of money. This was a point in the tournament where we only had two more holes to play. That was probably a good thing because we were all excited about it."

"I was worried about earning \$10. It was a good investment."

Thomas has yet to decide what to do with money. He said he would go home and do anything until paying the taxes on his portion of the winnings.

"That day we had close to 150 people there at the tournament," Thomas said. "There were a lot of people who wanted a piece of it. I thought for whatever reason that they probably ought to have a piece of it. It was all in fun."



John Swistak Jr. photo  
Bruce Thomas aced the 175-yard No. 8 hole at Arlington Golf Course during the Purple Pride Golf Scramble on Aug. 20.

## Collinsville, Triad fail to make sectionals

**Alton leads pack of qualifiers from IHSA Class AA regional tournament**

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

The 1999 boys golf season came to a close for the Collinsville and Triad teams Wednesday afternoon at IHSA Class AA Collinsville Regional at Arlington Golf Course in Granite City.

Neither Collinsville nor Triad had any golfers advance from the regional to the Class AA Belleville East Sectional.

Senior B. J. Bone was the low man for the Kahoks with an 84. He missed the cut by five shots.

The top 14 individuals qualified for sectional play with a score of 79 or lower.

Bone was in the hunt when he made the

turn with a 39 on the front nine but his chances quickly slipped when he shot a 45 on the back nine.

Collinsville's Joe Brechner scored a 42 on the back nine, but he carded a 44 on the front nine.

Rounding out the Kahoks' top four were sophomore Zach Hoy (87), and juniors Ryan Schneider (92) and Tom Welch (92).

After qualifying for sectional play as a junior, Triad senior Terry Witsberger fell short this time. Witsberger, 44 on the front nine, proved too difficult to overcome on the back nine, where he shot 39 for an 83.

Triad sophomore Pat Reid tied

Witsberger for the team low, firing 42 and 41 for an 83.

Rounding out the Knights' scoring were senior Jared Hayes, senior Brad Maggio and

sophomore Josh Sullivan - all with 88s.

Alton ran away the team regional title.

The Redbirds (299) finished 17 shots better than runner up Edwardsville (316). Belleville Althoff was third (317) and Granite City was fourth (319).

Alton had three of the top individual scores, including Scott Bechtold '97 for individual medalist honors.

Joining Bechtold on the podium were Jason Svboda (Belleville Althoff), Brett Holmes (Edwardsville) and David Baier (Alton).

Each of them shot a 74. Chad Jakel of Highland was fifth (75), followed by Alton's Dan Lester (76).

Syboda and Brett Briggs spearheaded Granite City's fourth-place finish. Syboda

scored a 78 and Briggs carded a 79.

## Boys golf results

### IHSA Class AA Collinsville Golf Regional Oct. 14

At Arlington Golf Course

Team Scores

1. Alton 299; 2. Edwardsville 316; 3. Belleville Althoff 317; 4. Granite City 84; 5. Belleville East 320; 6. Collinsville West 319; 7. Alton 325; 8. Brad 338; 9. Bethalto Civic Memorial 341; 10. O'Fallon and Cahokia 342; 12. Collinsville 349; 13. Jerseyville 351; 14. East St. Louis 489.

Top 14

1. Scott Bechtold, junior, Alton, 72; 2. Terry Witsberger, senior, Belleville Althoff, 74; 3. Brad Holmes, sophomore, Edwardsville, 74; David Boller, senior, Alton, 74; 5. Chad Jakel, junior, 75; 6. Danny Lester, sophomore, Alton, 76; 7. (tie) Andy Gwinup, sophomore, Edwardsville, 77; C.J. Smith, senior, Belleville West, 77; Kyle Autelaugh, senior,

ior, Alton, 77; Robbin Dillinger, senior, Bethalto Civic Memorial, 77; 9. Matt Folley, senior, Belleville East, 78.

Local team results

EDWARDSVILLE (316): Holmes 74, Cwihup 77; Nathan Cawley 78; Bobby Laws 83; C.J. Hurtz 88; Mike Zika 88; BELLEVILLE ALTHOFF (317): Svoboda 74; Sahr 78; Miller 79; Chris Ranmer 86; Jason Elce 87; Bob Hammel 88.

GRANITE CITY (319): Suhre 78; Briggs 79; Josh DeGraw 80; Jeff Jorden 82; Ryan McAtee 85; Dan Harms 88.

BELLEVILLE EAST (320): Brett Foley 78; Chris Eddy 80; Jared Knopkamp 81; Scott Kunz 81; Mark Donovan

83; Mike Graves 86; BELLEVILLE WEST (321): Smith 77; Harres 79; Rahn 79; Clayton 86; Dan Strobo 89; Chris Kelly 91.

TRIAD (338): Kelly Witsberger 83; Pat Reid 83; Jared Hayes 84; Brad Maggio 88; Josh Sullivan 88; Tom Conroy 89; 10. (tie) BETHALTO CIVIC MEMORIAL (341): Dillinger 77; Brian Eardier 82; Jeff Slimick 83; Mike Hudock 99; Aaron Brimer 110; Ryan Dillinger 115; O'FALLON (342): Devine 79; Jacob Pal 83; Travis Williams 89; Dominic Seipp 91; Matt Fraiser 91; Ryan Scerbo 91.

CAHOKIA (342): Terry Hoy 87; Adam Thompson 88; L.J. Molver 84; Don Kinne 93; Mike Hunt 100; Eric Koenig 103.

COLLINSVILLE (349): B.J. Bone 84; Joe Brachmer 88; Zach Hoy 87; Ryan Schneider 82; Tom Welch 92; Tyler Verbeck 105.

EAST ST. LOUIS (448): Shamon Yarborough 117; Tonye Winfield 122; Orlando Safore 124; Anton Green 195.

## Boys soccer results

### 19th annual Pepsi-Cola/ Granite City High School Tournament of Champion POOLS

Pool A – Belleville East (1-0); Belleville West (0-2); St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell Central (1-0-1); Hazelwood (Mo.) Central (1-0-1);

Pool B – Springfield Sacred Heart (2-1-0); Greve, Coeur (Mo.) Champlain (3-0-0); Belleville West (0-3-0); St. Charles County (Mo.) Duchesne (1-2-0);

Pool C – O'Fallon, (1-1-0); St. Charles County (Mo.) Fort Zumwalt South 0; St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis

Howell North (3-0-0); Spanish Lake (Mo.) Rosary (0-3-0).

Pool D – St. Louis County Aquinas-Mercy (1-1-0); St. Charles West (0-2-0); Blue Springs (Mo.) (0-1-0); Granite City (3-0-0).

SCHEDULE  
Pool Play  
Monday

Aquinas-Mercy 2, St. Charles West 0; O'Fallon 4, Greve, Coeur (Mo.) Champlain 3; Belleville East 2; Blue Springs 2; Belleville West 0; Francis Howell North 1; Fort Zumwalt South 0; Rosary 2.

Tuesday

Francis Howell North 8; Rosary 1.

Hazelwood Central 5; Belleville East 0; Champlaine 1; Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin 0.

Desmet 0; Francis Howell Central 0; Granite City 4; Aquinas-Mercy 1.

Wednesday

Francis Howell Central 4; Hazelwood Central 1; Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin 1.

Duchesne 0; Granite City 2; St. Charles West 0; Champlaine 2; Belleville West 0; Fort Zumwalt South 2; Rosary 2.

Thursday

Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin 3; Francis Howell North 7; O'Fallon 0.

Friday

3:15 p.m. – Aquinas-Mercy vs. Blue Springs.

4:45 p.m. – Fort Zumwalt South vs. O'Fallon.

6:15 p.m. – Desmet vs. Hazelwood Central.

7:45 p.m. – Blue Springs vs. St. Charles West.

Saturday

Semifinals: Pool C winner vs. Pool D winner.

Semifinals: Pool A winner vs. Pool B winner.

11 a.m. – Steel City Shootout, 5:30 p.m. – Championship game, 7 p.m. –

## Prep football

### SOUTHWESTERN CONF.

Bellefontaine East

Head Coach: Mike McGinnis

1998 Record: 6-4 (Class 2A)

Football Enrollment: 2345.00

8/26 6:30 H Molina, L 6-17

9/4 1:30 H Columbia, L 6-27

9/10 7:30 H Beamer, L 0-47

9/17 7:30 A Belleville West, L 13-22

9/25 1:30 H Belleville, L 23-27

10/1 7:30 A \*Granite City, L 21-20

10/8 7:30 A \*East St. Louis, W 21-14

10/15 7:30 A \*Edwardsville, L 16-20

10/22 7:30 A \*Alton, L 16-21

Dupo

Head Coach: Gary Mauser

1998 Record: 5-5 (Class 3A)

Football Enrollment: 1414.00

8/27 7:30 H \*Gessner Valley, L 0-20

9/3 7:30 H \*Bellefontaine Central, L 10-21

9/10 7:30 H \*Columbia, W 28-0

9/17 7:30 H \*Carlyle, W 31-17

10/8 7:30 H \*Red Bud, W 16-14

10/15 7:30 A \*Red Bud, L 16-21

10/22 7:30 A \*Chester, L 19-13

Bellefontaine West

Head Coach: Dennis Snep

1998 Record: 0-9 (Class 6A)

Football Enrollment: 199.00

8/27 7:30 A \*O'Fallon, L 10-34

9/3 7:30 A Belleville Althoff, L 0-20

9/10 7:30 A \*Collinsville, W 21-13

9/17 7:30 H \*Alton, L 22-13

10/1 7:30 H \*Edwardsville, L 14-49

10/8 7:30 H \*Granite City, W 14-6

10/15 7:30 A \*East St. Louis, W 7-20

10/22 7:30 A \*Triad, L 13-21

Red Bud

Head Coach: Todd Rushing

1998 Record: 1-8 (Class 3A)

Football Enrollment: 1475.00

8/27 7:30 H \*Columbia, W 28-0

9/3 7:30 A \*Carlyle, L 0-39

9/10 7:30 H \*Moline, W 1-39

9/17 7:30 H \*Bethalto, L 0-36

10/4 7:30 H \*Carrollton, W 12-26

10/11 7:30 H \*Centralia, L 0-39

10/18 7:30 H \*Freeburg, W 15-12

10/25 7:30 H \*Glen Carbon, W 18-13

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

Bethalto Civic Memorial

Head Coach: Rick Reinhart

1998 Record: 7-3 (Class 4A)

Football Enrollment: 968.21

8/27 7:30 H \*Collinsville, W 15-0

9/3 7:30 A \*Columbia, W 15-26

9/10 7:30 A \*Mount Zion, L 14-7

9/17 7:30 A \*Centralia, L 14-35

9/24 7:30 A \*Bethalto Civic Memorial, L 13-26

10/1 7:30 H \*Carbondale, W 14-13

10/8 7:30 A \*Highland, W 14-13

10/15 7:30 H \*Waterloo, W 18-14

10/22 7:30 H \*Springfield Southeast

Highland

Head Coach: Mike Hucker

1998 Record: 5-4 (Class 4A)

Football Enrollment: 2055.00

8/28 7:30 H \*Chicago Park, L 0-20

9/4 7:30 H \*Collinsville, W 14-14

9/11 7:30 H \*East Alton, W 12-29

9/18 7:30 H \*Glen Carbon, W 10-9

9/25 7:30 H \*Glen Carbon, W 14-12

9/30 7:30 H \*Jewell, W 7-25

10/1 7:30 H \*Mount Vernon, W 14-15

10/8 7:30 H \*Waterloo, W 18-14

10/15 7:30 H \*Highland, W 14-13

10/22 7:30 H \*Carbondale, W 12-21

10/29 7:30 H \*Centralia, W 15-12

11/5 7:30 H \*Metamora, L 18-39

11/12 7:30 H \*Mahomet-Seymour, L 0-42

11/19 7:30 H \*Carbondale, L 13-21

11/26 7:30 H \*Centralia, L 6-57

12/3 7:30 H \*Bethalto Civic Memorial, L 10-34

12/10 7:30 H \*Carbondale, W 14-28

12/17 7:30 H \*Metacath, L 6-19

12/24 7:30 H \*Highland, L 0-34

12/31 7:30 H \*Metacath, L 6-19

1/7 7:30 H \*Highland, L 0-34

1/14 7:30 H \*Metacath, L 14-28

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3/11 7:30 H \*Metacath, L 14-28

# Maroons become first victims of Granite grid team

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Granite City had taken a 7-0 lead in the second quarter when

Franko rescued a broken play and scored on a 3-yard run.

Warriors halfback Marty Graham had 58 yards in the quar-

ter, 55 of them on the scoring drive.

"Marty Graham is growing and maturing every game," Petillo said. "He really believed in himself. He's hitting at this level and he is fighting harder. We expected that to happen and he is really coming along."

"You can't leave out Josh Martz. Josh came in and spelled Marty and Josh did a good job. He hasn't been back there for very many snaps."

In the fourth quarter, West quarterback Chris Davis found Brian Hallen for a 10-yard gain but as the Maroons had tied the game.

But the Warriors were not to be denied this time after losses of 10

points or less to Cahokia, Jerseyville, Collinsville and Belleville East.

"What can you say?" Petillo said. "We believed in them all year and they believed in themselves. They have a lot of character and there were some times when we didn't execute at critical points. But the kids just made up their minds that they were going to play four full quarters of football and that did. They beat a good football team."

"To get into overtime shook us up a little bit because we had never been there before. But our kids hung in there. Jon Franko kept his cool. They kept coming at him, but he kept fighting back. It wasn't only about the kids; they were very bold, but they have a lot of character and a lot of courage. They made a really good fight out of it and they finally came out on top."

The Warriors play at Alton on Friday while Belleville West,

which fell to 2-3 in conference play, travels to East St. Louis.

**Grand Total** 0 0 0 7 - 14

**Belleville West** 0 0 0 7 6 - 13

**SECOND QUARTER**

GC - Jon Franks 3 run (Scott Prengel kick).

1Q - Brian Hallen 10 pass from Chris Davis (Eric Holtz kick). 132.

**FOURTH QUARTER**

GC - Brandon Holtz 10 pass from Chris Davis (Eric Holtz kick). 132.

**OVERTIME**

GC - Quintin Davis 5 run (kick missed).

GC - Andy Michigan 11 pass from Jon Franks (Scott Prengel kick).

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## Sports

Granite City places second to  
Tigers in Madison County meet

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running very closely together as a team." Hartung said. "There was no chance in the conference meet is to run close as we have low times. The second four runners have to run within 20 seconds of each other so that we can run within a score and finish as a unit to block out other run-

ners. Kevin Atkins will do a good job out in front, but then we need the second four runners to be within 30 seconds of his time."

"Our strength is that we have four runners who can run with each other. We need to combine low times with running as a group, keeping the other runners within eyesight."

The IHSA regionals are set for Oct. 23.

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## Sports

# Warriors post 3-0 mark in tourney pool play

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game time behind him and I think that is bothering him, coming off the broken foot.

"(Rich) was a little available in goal. (Phil) Reader was a difference when we moved him forward and helped us out a lot."

Baker said his team was tired after Wednesday's game, but it didn't show against Blue Springs.

Smith scored his first goal of the game, and fourth of the tournament, in the 12th

minute. Rich Edwards accepted a long pass from Kessel at the left edge of the box and dropped the ball to Smith. The junior striker spun and struck home the eventual game-winner.

Smith scored again five minutes before the half. A Blue Springs bungle on defense left the ball on the doorstep and Smith tapped it in.

Sophomore Nathan Gaudreault put the final nail in the coffin with 23 minutes to play.

Jarod McMillian took the throw-in, Gaudreault said. "The goalie came out for it and it went off his hands. He tipped it across and I was just there to put it away."

"That was a good team and we're happy to get the win," Baker said. "Mike has been playing awesome; Justin (Roehr) was steady again. Our backfield did a great job. Petri really is coming along. He is doing a lot of nice things. It's fun to watch a young player get seasoned,

and I think his season is showing. We have to get Crider back up to speed. Peacher really helped us, and now we have a chance to get Jeremy (Hickman). I don't know if he will be Saturday yet, I'm not sure what his status will be for the semifinals, but he has been doing better."

The Warriors ended a stretch of recent inconsistency

and wanted to prove they could string some victories together.

"That was definitely a big factor we were considering," Gaudreault said. "I think we played pretty well. In the second game, we started going down but we picked it back up and got it together for the third game. Hopefully, we can keep it all the way through the tournament."

"We are happy with their consistency this week," Baker said. "Earlier in the season, we couldn't play three games in a row, so this is good to see."

The Warriors were set to play St. Charles County (Mo.) Francis Howell North Saturday morning for the chance to appear in the finals that night.

About a girl from a chance of a blood trait year-old bravely survived cancer. The student asked the teacher to give his blood little follow-up and said, "I once had a girl friend who had a blood trait and she died of cancer. She was a year-old girl and she bravely survived it."

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## News

# Ability to love is God's greatest gift to mankind

I once heard a touching story about a girl who was suffering from a rare disease. Her only chance of recovery was to have a blood transfusion from her 5-year-old brother. He had miraculously survived the same disease. The doctor explained the situation, then asked him if he would give his blood to his sister. The little fellow took a deep breath and said, "Yes... I will do it to

save my sister." As the transfusion began, the sick boy, with tears in his eyes and his voice trembling, asked the doctor, "Will I die right away?" That little boy thought he had to give his sister all of his blood.

The doctor said, "No, brother, love has no man than he that would lay down his life for a friend." There are three things that endure - faith, hope and love.

We should strive for this child-like love. Even for adults there is a very basic, simple, genuine, sacred and joy, no matter what we have done before. "And above all things, have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8. The grace of God's love is deep and powerful. It can transform you into "A New You."

Love is defined in the original Old Testament as the New Testament as "agape," meaning God's fruit of love gives itself away purely and generously to express God's nature and divine compassion.



## A New You



Catherine Galasso

things new. What a glorious world it would be if we could all just love one another.

Don't be like the little fish that was afraid to drink the water. The mama fish asked her small son, "Why won't you drink the water?" The little fish worried look the little fish said,

"Mama, I'm afraid I may drink it all up." Now, that may sound silly, but some people are frightened to drink the water and the gifts of God freely. —God is a vast ocean of love, free to everyone. You can never out-love God.

Love is expressed by the tone of our voice, the way we act, the way we choose our action and most of all the motivating spirit behind them. Do a kind deed for someone in secret, it may be a small treat on a cold winter day or even cutting a neighbor's lawn while they are not home. The more you give the more, in turn, you will have. Laughter, a smile, a prayer can bring such happiness to others.

The art of giving without

expecting compensation is vital to abundant life. Studies reveal that those who volunteer at least once a week outlast those who did none, two-and-a-half to one. So helping others is a powerful contributor to a long and healthy well-being. Love is always so gracious, so humbly sweet, and love is also powerful, the most powerful force on earth.

Love is so courageous. As that little boy so loved his big sister, we all have a brother who loved us so much that He laid down His life so that we could live. Thousands who have chosen to follow Jesus Christ are in possession of that powerful love and it is the greatest treasure we can take with us. Be strong in His love and rejoice His love for God.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

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**October 12, 1999**

Registration begins at 10:30

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#### Speakers and panelists include:

Dr. Drew Pinsky, host for "Lovelife," a board-certified internist and addictionologist; Dr. Bruce Hischboer, host of the medical talk show "Ask Your Doctor"; James Garbarino, PhD, the co-director for the Family Life Development; Rev. Norman Fong, the program director for the Chinatown Community Development Center in San Francisco, and Rose Espinoza, founder of "Rosie's Garage," a volunteer tutor program.

#### Local panelists include:

Don Slazinik, Chief of Police of O'Fallon; Father Dennis Voss, Pastoral Care at St. Elizabeth's Hospital; Linda Cowden, PhD, Family Therapist and a counselor at BAC; Nancy Sill, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, Art Therapist at Madison County Juvenile Detention Center in Edwardsville, and John Roth Licensed Certified Social Worker of Belleville.

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## Horoscope

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
The moon and Jupiter together in Pisces create a favorable aspect with the sun, Venus and Mercury in Scorpio. Your heart will be open, willing to reach out and connect with all sorts of people, and romantic bonds will be plentiful under these open skies. Be aware that these heavy water influences may inhibit you from setting firm boundaries.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You have a stable love life, but at the same time, you are attracted to the allure of carefree and uncommitted love. You may be able to have it both ways now. Someone will sweeten an offer when he or she receives your refusal.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Attracting money is so easy right now that it's hard to think it's your hobby. Give recognition where it's due, and score points with high achievers. A casual rela-

tionship strengthens when you travel together.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** A realization will profoundly alter your love life. That realization could fall out. Avoid following a colleague's bad example. Pay a bill now instead of later, even if you have to juggle funds a bit. You won't be sorry!

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** Time spent with a partner's family is more rewarding than you anticipated. Stop waiting for him to come and start pursuing a dream. A person important to your financial status is in a precarious state... approach him or her later.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You are free to pursue a new professional agreement and with it, a new romance. With it, a loved one makes a concerted effort to be flexible; be appreciative. Keep a rendezvous tonight or a lover

is angry. Only bet on a sure thing.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (October 10). If you felt you were locked into your life last year, then you're still stuck, sprouting from your shell. Key words are independence and freedom. Love bonds are made stronger this month through a renewed commitment to learning. In December, there are gains to your career when you consciously change your pace. Singles find bliss with a Capricorn or Aquarius.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Once you're clear about an arrangement, take confidence in knowledge. Second-guessing is the fastest way to kill a love affair. And on lesser issues, it's better to be wrong and enjoy yourself than to be uncertain right.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** If that romantic entanglement is still happening because of your historical

beliefs, why not rewrite history? You are innovative in your finances this weekend, but don't use this as an excuse to go beyond your means.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Give your heart to someone you understand and trust. Exceptionally bright individuals have opinions that rub off. Planning a getaway is actually less conducive to love than a project that requires hard work of mind and a lover.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You may need to take a break and decide what to do next. Employment is lucrative but not particularly satisfying. Solicit a colleague's advice on a creative project. Make peace with a long-stranged friend.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** What you've bought yet to buy is what you've had your eye on. An Aquarius or Libra can swing the deal your

way. The results you've been waiting for seem anti-climatic but only because you drive yourself so hard.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** A loved one may irritate you seemingly without provocation. However, you are more than capable of giving yourself credit for being. You crave genuine sharing and will set the for nothing superficial.

you've long coveted within reach. Love warms you.

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## Movies

Film timetable for Friday, Oct. 8. For times on other days, or to confirm these times, check local theaters. **CARMIC PETITE** I-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708 **Random Hearts** (R) 7:10, 9:50 **Three Kings** (R) 7:05, 9:40 \*Drive Me Crazy (PG-13) 7:15, 9:25



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7:00, 9:20 **Sixth Sense** (PG-13) 5:10, 7:50, 10:10 **Drive Me Crazy** (PG-13) 4:30, 7:30, 9:50 **ST. CLAIR 10** 50 Ludwig Drive, 398-8383 **The Thomas Crown Affair** (R) 1:40, 6:40 **13th Warrior** (R) 4:40, 9:10 **Superstar** (PG-13) 1:25,

4:25, 6:55, 9:10, 11:00 **Blair Witch Project** (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:30, 8:30, 10:45 **Stigmata** (R) 1:05, 4:05, 6:35, 9:05 **Adventures Of Elmo In Grouchland** (G) 1:00, 3:00,

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# The Big Picture

## Parents face tough decisions on daycare

### Emotional, financial, quality of daycares rank among greatest concerns of many

By Kara Opydyke  
Staff writer

One of the most emotional situations a parent may face is the decision to place their child in daycare. And with more parents working today than ever before, the decision is becoming more difficult.

"It's a difficult step," said Theresa Schoenbeck, the assistant director at Carrot Patch Day Care Center in Waterloo. The center, licensed for 99 children, provides care for those ranging in age from 15-months-old to 13-years-old.

Schoenbeck, who has been involved in daycare service for 11 years, said parents with children of all ages are likely to experience a myriad of emotions when sending their child or children to daycare, but it is often the parents with the youngest ones who are the most anxious.

"There's a lot of guilt. They (the parents) worry about the younger ones more because of their lack of communication, and there's more tears when the parents walk out the door," Schoenbeck said.

To help alleviate those concerns, the daycare provides parents with children 15-months-old to 2-years-old a written list of their child's daily activities, including meal times and the time of diaper changes.

For parents with children of all ages, the daycare offers two free visit-days to help parents feel comfortable.

New parents are the most apprehensive, agrees Mary Kay Prader, administrator and registered nurse at Lighthouse Learning Center in Columbia. The daycare is for children who are 6-weeks-old to 8-years-old.

"We spend a lot of time with the parent. We give long tours and ask parents to spend a lot of time talking with us about their child," Prader said. "A lot of times we have family style meals and events for the whole family. Communication is the key. If they are able to communicate well with the caregiver, they are a lot more comfortable."

Like the Lighthouse, Carrot Patch has an open-door policy that allows parents to call or come in at any time to check on their child.

An open-day policy, in addition to the number of years a caregiver has been with the daycare, are some of the most important considerations a parent should make when choosing a daycare, Schoenbeck said.

It may also help parents to know that licensed personnel will care for their children. Most licensed daycare require a their early childhood teachers to have 60 college credit hours and six hours in childcare related classes

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Theresa Schoenbeck  
Daycare director

or 30 college-credit hours with one year experience with at least six credit hours of childcare related classes.

Deloris Stahl, director of Lee's Daycare in Dupo, said she has seen an increase in daycare users in the 30-plus years she has been at the center because of more two-income families and single parents.

The demand for infant care is the greatest, said Stahl, who noted that Lee's cares for 6-week old infants and children up to 6-years-old.

The age group needs care because there's so many parents who work full-time jobs.

But the infant care is the most in demand. There's not a week that goes by that we don't get a call from parents of infants," she said.

Mark Vogel, a physical education teacher at Waterloo High School, said his son was 15-months old when he and his wife decided to place him in daycare.

"We find caregivers of weeks, while you and they make the transition, are the most difficult," he said.

Vogel had also witnessed the positive effects of daycare on his stepdaughter, a kindergartner who had been in daycare for a few years. His experience as a former elementary PE teacher taught him that those who attend daycare make the most successful transition to kindergarten.

Some of the main benefits for children who attend daycare are an increase in confidence, social skills and educational knowledge, Vogel said. For example, among the skills he said his stepdaughter learned from daycare included how to count to 100, say the alphabet and recite her telephone number and address before she entered kindergarten.

Many caregivers also have computers in their facades and take their youngsters on educational field trips.

"It's amazing, the differences (between those who attend day care and those who don't)," Vogel said.

"If people only knew. The positives far outweigh the negatives. I would recommend daycare to any parent."



Paul Baillargeon photo

Dawn Shields of Lighthouse Learning Center in Columbia feeds Kiley Meyer while co-worker Codie Fries attends to Kevin Behnke.

## CHASI answers child care questions

By Kara Opydyke  
Staff writer

For those with questions about child care, the Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois Child Care Resource and Referral Program is the place with the answers.

The childcare program is a one-stop source providing support service and assistance to childcare providers, parents and employers in Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington counties.

Though the primary goal of the program is to assist families in connecting with childcare resources, the program centers on five basic core services:

\*Database: Detailed information is compiled on all legal child care options offered by homes, centers, public schools, Headstart and other sources.

\*Consumer Education and Referral: Trained professionals provide comprehensive information and educate parents on how to make informed choices about child care.

\*Recruitment: Practical start-up and management information is provided to potential home and center based programs.

\*Training and technical assistance: Coordinators provide training and consultation for employers, communities and providers to promote quality child care. This department also distributes a quarterly newsletter called "The Link."

\*Analysis: Information on parent request and available provider data are analyzed to determine a community's unmet needs.

Jane Dowling, director of child care centers and family child care programs, who offers a CCRR Subsidy Service program that provides parents with financial help. The program processes and initiates payments to child care providers for recipients whose incomes are less than 50 percent of the state median income and who are working and/or attending an approved education or training program.



Jim Broshers of Columbia puts his son in a car seat after picking up 2-year-old J.T. from Lighthouse Learning Center in Columbia.

Subsidy Services, funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services, also processes payments to providers who serve teen parents who are attending high school, alternative high school, GED classes and/or working.

CHASI was founded in 1883 and is currently the largest not-for-profit, non-sectarian child and family service organization.

In addition to the child care program, the program service areas include: adoption, foster care, employment and training related child care, parent training, teen parent counseling, youth and family counseling, child abuse/neglect services, parents care and share of Illinois and Delinquency Intervention.

According to the latest data available, CHASI served 23,612 people in 1998 and 20,733 people in 1997.

More information is available by calling 874-0216 in East St. Louis and 452-8900 in Granite City.

## Stay-at-home mom says giving up career is worth it

For Donna Stone, transition was difficult

By Kara Opydyke  
Staff writer

When Donna Stone of Columbia left her job as a medical assistant to become a stay-at-home mom, the transition was difficult at first.

Now, however, the mother of two says she would never go back to work again.

"I like being there for the kids, knowing what they are doing," said Stone. "I just wanted to be home with my kids. We were both for it."

Stone and her husband of six years, Ralph, are the parents of Rachel, 4, and Jacob, 1. The couple also has another child on the way; Stone is five and a half months pregnant with their second daughter.

Their first daughter, Rachel, was 1-year-old before Stone left her job as a medical assistant to become a full-time mom. Her husband, now a civil engineer in St. Louis, was busy earning a bachelor's degree and working at the same time.

Stone says she remembers those times as emotionally trying even though a family member was watching her daughter.

"I worked long hours and so did he," she said. "Sometimes I didn't get home until 6:30 or 7 at night."

Stone said her step-grandmother watched Rachel and she felt lucky that her daughter wasn't with a stranger, but she still asked what her daughter did all day and felt bad that she couldn't be there.

Stone said she and her husband had talked about her staying home with the children they would someday have before they were married.

Thus, the decisions always came down to the couple worked out a budget that accounted for daycare expenses and food, they decided it would also make more sense financially.

"We figured it out and if I was still working I would be using all my paycheck, and maybe some of his, especially with another child," she said.

And though Stone felt she was making the best decision for her and her family, she admits to missing work at first.

"It was an adjustment not talking to other adults," she said. "I have a girlfriend who also stays at home with her children so it helps to call and talk sometimes."

It also helps to take a break sometimes, Stone said, noting that she takes her children to the YMCA or the park for time out.

Stone says staying at home with the children doesn't come without its headaches.

"It's more difficult to stay at home with the kids (than work outside the home). There's not



Paul Baillargeon photo

Donna Stone shares lunch with her children, Rachel, 4, and Jacob, 1. The full-time mom and her husband, Ralph, are expecting their third child in February.

always an answer. They are always tugging at you, wanting something," she said.

Nonetheless, Stone says she thinks the benefits of her job outweigh the negatives.

"It's important if you have to work to have

good daycare, but if it's financially suitable I'd like to stay home," she said. "I couldn't imagine it any other way."

## News

**Milestones****Oct. 10**

Matthew Burkey turns 4  
Sharon Brzulig turns 40  
Merle Pashadag turns 43  
The Rev. Paul Davidson turns 66  
Also celebrating a birthday: Paula Kestle, Arlene Hickman and Marlene Smith.  
Celebrating an anniversary: Jack and Barb Schooley.

**Oct. 11**

Daniel Parkes turns 31  
Matthew Vailoff turns 8 also celebrating a birthday: Bill Davis.

**Oct. 12**

Lou Ann Kinworthy turns 19  
Anne Schreiber turns 26  
Mitchell Bailey turns 5  
Celebrating an anniversary: Marvin and Darlene Koenig.

**Oct. 13**

Wanda Turner turns 44  
Cynthia Wellegoris turns 16  
Tina Ostresk turns 38  
Also celebrating a birthday: Marcia Sykes. Celebrating an anniversary: Bob and Debbie Shaw, 9 years.

**Oct. 14**

Nick Paskus turns 15  
Katie Guenther turns 9  
Keith Smith turns 31  
Betty Schooley turns 37  
Also celebrating a birthday: Kenny Seitzer.

**Oct. 15**

Jesse Sowers turns 29  
Evan Lenox turns 6  
Wesley Joyce turns 12  
Zlata Entrich turns 19  
Derek Durbin turns 9

**Oct. 16**

Melissa Schwaller turns 22  
Susan Rainwater turns 38  
DeMarco Bell turns 14  
Also celebrating a birthday: Patricia Culberk and Norman Richter Jr.  
Celebrating an anniversary: Kenny and Debbie Hay, 17 years.

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Please note the paper if a person listed in Milestones has died or no longer wishes to be listed.

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Williams, secretary, and

Dorothy Rivenburgh, treasurer.

The CWF committee has three groups, Dorcas Circle, Ruth Circle and Sarah Circle. Each group meets once a month.

**Tops Illinois plans open house Monday**

Tops Illinois 645 of Granite City has scheduled an open house for 7 p.m. Monday at the Anchorage Recreation Hall, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City.

Women, men, teens and pre-teens interested in losing weight are invited to attend. The open house is free. For more information, call Flora at 787-6125 or Mary Ann at 787-2146.

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Here's how to do a little fall lawn cleanup that'll take less time now than you'd spend in the spring.

Start out by raking the leaves that are shading your grass. Also remove fallen leaves from shrub and flower beds. Cut back any dead stems of perennials. Now you're probably wondering how this will save time next year. It's quite simple. Grass normally grows quickly during the fall, storing energy for winter survival and spring greening. If the grass is shaded, it won't grow as fast or store as much energy. Next spring the lawn will be thinner and less able to compete with the inevitable weeds. And gardeners who don't take action now will be doing so come spring, and spending more time.

If disease- or insect-infested plant material is left lying around, you'll have to battle the same problems. More work. Picking up all the stuff now is the easy route.

Years ago, leaf disposal was easy. People raked it into a big pile and put a match to it. The aroma (or odor, depending on your point of view) was a ritual that smoke-signalized the entire neighborhood: Fall is here!

No more. Nowadays, many communities prohibit leaf burning. If you aren't sure about your local laws, definitely find out first. People don't take too kindly to leaf smoke where

it isn't supposed to be. There are numerous alternate leaf disposal methods, depending on where you live. But there's one excellent way that knows no city or county limits: composting.

Another way of getting rid of leaves is to put your mulching mower to use. Simply run over the leaves with the mower and it'll reduce them to a nice, fine winter mulch.

Raking leaves always produces one thing, regardless of how they're eventually disposed of. And that's leaf piles. They can pose definite hazards if left in the street. First of all, never drive your vehicle over a pile of leaves. Small children are attracted to the piles and could be hidden in one, completely out of view.

Secondly, never park your car on a pile of leaves. The catalytic converters on today's cars get mighty hot, after only a few minutes of operation, and they take a long time to cool off. Parking on top of leaves can cause the converter to ignite them, which could easily turn your prized set of wheels into something with much less appeal and value. Find a safe parking spot and you and your car will be happier.

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